



"Jingle, Bells" Sings Of Snow and Sleigh

"Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,
Over the field we go, laughing all the way,
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!"

"A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side,
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seem'd his lot,
He got into a drifted bank, and we, we got stuck!"

"Now the ground is white, no more you're young;
Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song,
Just get a bobtailed bay, two-jarvy for his speed,
Then hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll take the lead!"

REFRAIN:
"Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!"

Although it says not a word jures up visions of the old about Christmas, the song, fashioned Yuletide nearly every "Jingle, Bells," is now a family-remembered — or like a part of the holiday season, to think he remembers. The spirited description of "Usually it is thought of as 'Dashing thro' the snow, in a 'Jingle Bells,' but early copies of the song show that the title one-horse open sleigh" con-

was really meant to be "Jingle, Bells" — with a comma added to make it a command to the bells to go into action.

Both the melody and lyrics were written by James Pierpont, who was the son of a minister and who ran away to sea at the age of 14.

Pierpont wrote the song in the late 1850's. He was then living in the Boston suburb of Medford where, at

the time, the only piano in the entire village was located in the parlor of Simpson's Tavern. It was there Pierpont picked out the "Jingle Bells" melody.

A Danish Christmas custom is the "Jul-bock," a long pole with a goat's head, whose duty it is to butt in when the children misbehave.

Rudolph of the Red Nose Adds To Fame of Santa's Reindeer

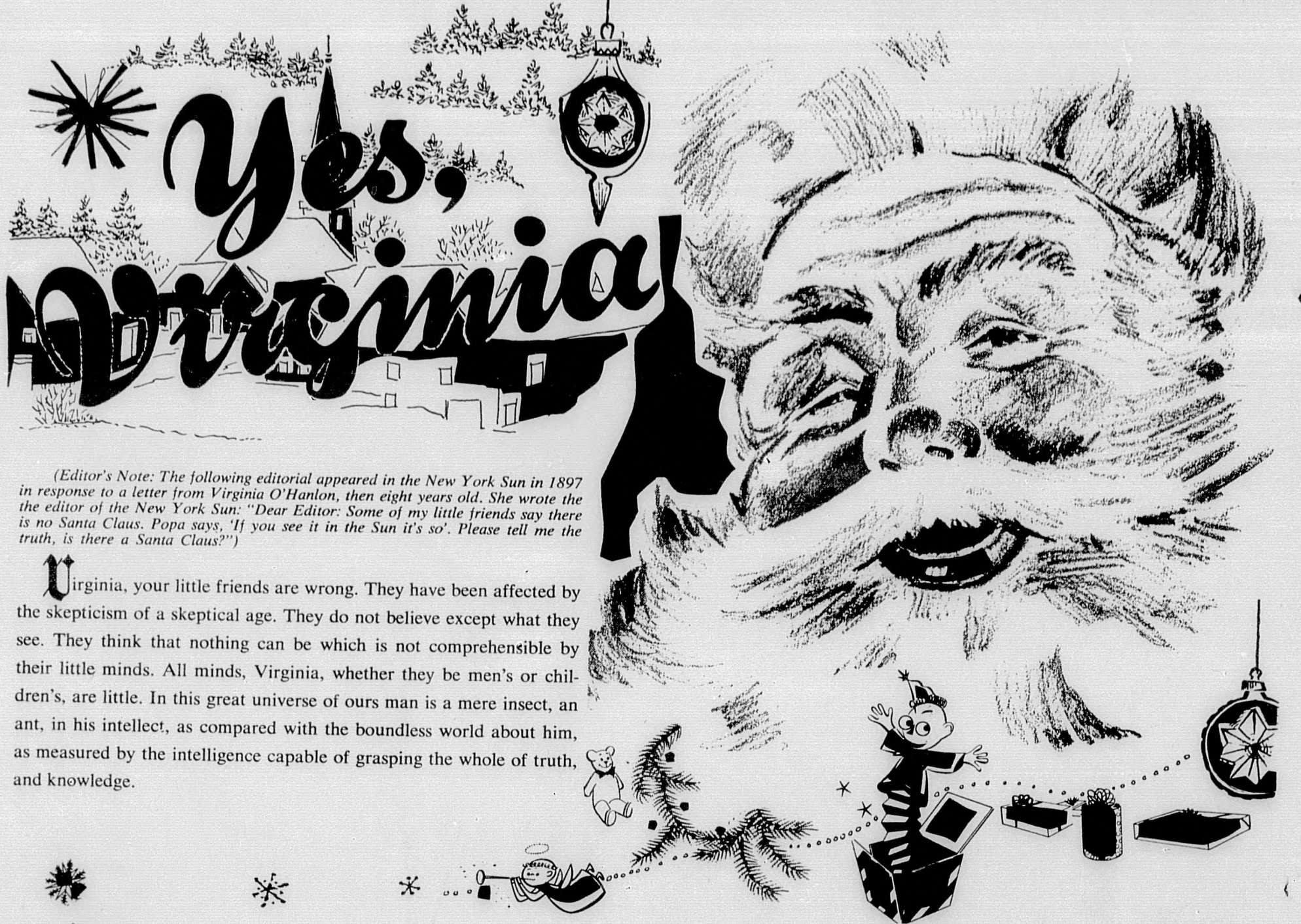
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!" Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the "eight tiny reindeer" who drew his "miniature sleigh," accord-

ing to Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem — the red-nosed Rudolph.

Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with words and music by Johnny Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition. As the other reindeer in the song predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led the team through a dark, overcast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history, a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.

Norwegians hide an almond in the Christmas pudding. Tradition says the finder will be married in the next year.



(Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared in the New York Sun in 1897 in response to a letter from Virginia O'Hanlon, then eight years old. She wrote the editor of the New York Sun: "Dear Editor: Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?")

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth, and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but, even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

IT'S CHRISTMAS



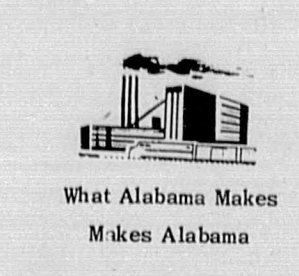
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Elba Schools Receive Federal Grant

U.S. Senators Lister Hill and John Sparkman have announced the approval for immediate payment of \$11,679 to the Elba Public Schools. Announcement of the payment by the U. S. Office of Education came from the two senators' Washington offices Tuesday.

LIVESTOCK PRICES

Livestock is big business in Coffee County according to the sales being recorded in Elba each week.

The Farmers Livestock Cooperative Market Sale held in a recent week totaled \$57,525 for the biggest sale in their history. 920 hogs and 139 cows sold in one day.

American Legion To Meet

Culver Post #42 of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday night, January 5th, at 7:00 in the Elba Highway.

A covered dish supper will be served.

Cattlemen's Association To Meet Next Week

Plans have been made for the Elba Cattlemen's Association meeting to be held Thursday, January 6, at 6 P.M. at the Enterprise Recreation Center. As usual the Coffee County CowBelles Association of Coffee County. The principal speaker for the meeting will be Mr. Cyrus V. Anderson, Representative to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 1st District, who will be in the area for the election of officers for the coming year. Carlton T. C. Whitman, Association president.

Lt. Ringsdorf Decorated For Combat Duty

Lt. Ben Ringsdorf, son of Doctor and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf, Sr., was presented the Air Force Commendation Medal at Macomber Air Force Base recently for his work as a combat crew member in Southeast Asia. Ringsdorf was one of 27 members of the 47th Tactical Fighter Squadron who received awards for action in Viet Nam. The award was made by General G. P. Dwyer, Commander of Tactical Air Command.

Additional one per cent cuts will occur each succeeding January 1 so that by New Year's Day, 1969



WALLACE L. BELCHER, left, is shown receiving his 30 year pin last week from Donsey Trailers' Personnel Manager J. O. Bailey. Belcher, wearing badge #2 says, "I guess you could say that I am not a temporary employee."



AWARDED 25 YEAR PINS for their service at Dorsey Trailers are from left: Jim L. Doe, Henry R. Taylor, Jim Reddock, Edgar Vaughan, and Elton Lunsford. These men count for badges 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Shooting Occurs Monday Night

At argument Monday night, possibly over some firecrackers, led to a shooting that left one man hospitalized and the other in jail. Hospitalized and critically injured after being struck with 4 pellets from a shotgun was Sam Grimes and jailed on open charges was James Simmons. The shooting happened about 8:00 Monday night. Grimes was transferred to a Montgomery hospital Tuesday morning.

Telephone Tax Cut Effective January 1st

All telephone bill will reflect a reduction effective January 1, 1966. H. E. Hussey, President of the Southeast General Telephone Company, announced that the reduction in the telephone tax will be realized by our customers, Hussey commented.

Elba's Viet Nam Unit Says Thanks

The first action is the \$23,000 city swimming pool, which was paid for by the city recreation tax (on double the water supply, installed water meters at every residence, installed 19 fire plugs, laid 10,000 feet of 6" water main and 11,000 feet of 2 inch water main and the half ton truck of the water department equipped with a two-way radio.

New Brockton had never owned a police car and started with a surplus car the city purchased and then last May, purchased a new car and equipped it with 2-way radio and they still have the old one for emergency use.

Nursing Scholarships Awarded By Hospital

Two \$300.00 nursing scholarships have been awarded by the Elba General Hospital as an aid and Miss Linda Nichols, of Coffee Springs, instructor in the nursing class is Mrs. Sue Blair, a registered nurse.



MAYOR JOHN HELMS, of New Brockton, was bursting with pride Christmas Eve as he welcomed these three lovely young ladies into his office. All three call New Brockton "home" and all three are current holders of beauty titles. They are from left: Evelyn Sawyer, Miss New Brockton; Judy Sawyer, Homecoming Queen at Troy State College; and Linda Folsom, Miss Alabama.

New Brockton Is Working At A Fast Pace . . . Helms

Mayor John Helms, of New Brockton, was talking about New Brockton's pick-up was initiated. The original fire truck Company's \$200,000 fertilizer plant was built, 2 projects of street paving completed paving 90% of the streets in town. Brockton also extended the city limits, completed 20 low rent housing units at a cost of \$229,000, \$95,000 improvement at Warren Smith High School and a \$30,000 lunchroom at New Brockton High and the City Hall has an emergency power supply capable of operating a civil defense center. If the electric current supply should be disrupted, there have been two new civic clubs chartered, the Jaycees and the Business and Professional Women's Club. They will meet at the Enterprise Courthouse January 17 thru January 21 and from January 26 thru January 28.

What Does New Math Mean

If you would like to understand how the New Math is replacing the "Third R," plan now to attend the P.T.A. Meeting on Tuesday night, January 4, at 7:15. Professor James O'Neal, Troy State College, will talk with parents and teachers, show slides explaining the modern arithmetic program and how it differs from the traditional one. Mr. O'Neal stated to the Elba Elementary teachers in an In-Service Education Program that the goal of mathematics is still to teach Johnny to add, subtract, multiply and divide, and to solve equations, but in addition the sponsors of the new mathematics course hope to help today's young people to understand why they are doing what they are doing. All parents are invited to attend the P.T.A. Meeting and meet Mr. O'Neal.

Christmas Day Accident Kills Five Persons

Three persons were killed immediately and two others have died of injuries received in a two-car accident on State road 125 between Brundidge and Victoria. Also injured in the accident was the husband and father of two of the victims.

Dead at the scene of the accident were Mrs. Travis Sheppard, age 21, of Columbus, Georgia, and her daughter, Melinda Gail, age 20 months, and Oyer Sawyer, Jr., age 20, of Brundidge Route 2.

Dead from injuries received in the accident are two brothers, Leamon and Billy Sheppard, age 22, whose wife and child died in the collision. He is reported to be in satisfactory condition.

Elba Merchants To Close

The Elba Chamber of Commerce, in response to recommendations of the Merchants' Committee, voted recently to request the merchants of Elba to close Saturday, January 1, 1966.

Registrars To Meet Often

The Coffee County Board of Registrars announced this week the scheduling of 15 additional registration days for prospective voters. The registrars will meet at the Elba Courthouse January 3 thru January 8 and on January 24 and 25; they will meet at the Enterprise Courthouse January 17 thru January 21 and from January 26 thru January 28.



SECRET

MRS. WILL KENDRICK, SOCIETY EDITOR

First Baptist BWC Enjoys Xmas Party

Mrs. Oswell Dowling was hostess to the BWC of First Baptist W.M.U. Monday night, December 20, for its annual Christmas party.

A fire glowed in the large fireplace in the living room and gave an added note of cheer. The mantel held a beautiful Christmas arrangement and the tables at which the members were seated for a delicious dinner, were covered with Christmas cloths and held central flower arrangements.

Mrs. and Mrs. Kimmye Ham, of Decatur, visited their mothers, Mrs. Bell Ham and Mrs. Pauline Allen, during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. W. Kendrick read "Let's Keep Christmas" by Peter Marshall. Gifts were received by the members from a lovely tree.

Those present were: Miss June Ray Jones, Miss Edwin Bozome, Miss Gladys Clark, Mrs. Nellie Martin, Mrs. Pearl Mosley, Mrs. Jim Whitman, Mrs. J. W. Kendrick, Mrs. J. W. Whitman, Mrs. Colon Whitman, Mrs. G. P. Miles, Mrs. Joe Jacobs, Mrs. William Bullard, Mrs. Cecil Prescott and the hostess, Miles.

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Entertain With Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sewell and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sawyer were hosts to a group of friends for dinner Friday evening, December 17.

Guests were: Doctor and Mrs. E. M. Warr, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pinckard, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Easters, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. James Blair, Mrs. E. Dorsey, Sr., and Mrs. Claude Dorsey.

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Ideal Eat tonight.
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Where your fingers
do the walking.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Whitman and 4 boys, of Palmetto, Florida, are visiting Mr. Whitman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Plunioy Whitman, in New York City last summer. Currently, he is director at which the members were seated for a delicious dinner, were covered with Christmas cloths and held central flower arrangements.

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Kitchen Shower

Compliments
Glenda Ennis

Miss Glenda Ennis, preceding her marriage to Mr. Gerald P. Shoaf on December 26, was honored Thursday, December 16, with a kitchen shower, given by Mrs. L. P. Morrow, Sr. and Mrs. Bill Carter at Mrs. Morrow's home.

The hostesses served party refreshments to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. J. W. Ennis, and Mrs. Richard Jacobs, Mrs. Joe Meacham, Mrs. J. B. Spurlin, Mrs. Leon Wilson, Mrs. Hollis Davis, Mrs. Charles Pearce, Mrs. Fred Smith, Jr., Mrs. Paul Hudson, Miss Patsy Moore, Miss Dianne Bryan, Miss Sue Akridge, Mrs. Marvin Clark, Mrs. Fulton Clark, Mrs. Shirley Carpenter, Mrs. Dykes Rushing, Miss Charlotte Thomas, and Miss Loretta Ellenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dan Lowry, of Tuscaloosa, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowry.

Mrs. Mary Alice Mays and Judson Mays, of Pensacola, visited relatives and friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sharpless and children, Lisa and Kenny, of Hartsville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sharpless and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pinckard the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pinckard flew from Montgomery to Los Angeles, California, last Wednesday to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Ran King, and her family.

Miss Linda Thomas, of Birmingham, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Jones, of New Orleans, visited her mother, Mrs. Corinne English, the first of last week.

Malcolm English spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. English, Malcolm, a graduating senior at Troy State College, is doing student teaching at Goodwin Junior High School in Montgomery. He has accepted a position as art instructor in Bellmash Junior High School and will assume his duties there the middle of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hyatt and Carlene, of Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Griffin and Joan, of Tampa, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. William Borders and Dwan, of Greenville, S.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell, of Albany, Ga., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Borders and Mrs. Robbie Russell for Christmas holidays.

Reverend and Mrs. Charles Hayburn and family, of Tampa, Florida, spent Christmas with Mrs. Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wise.

Miss Peri Jean Prescott, of Montgomery, spent the holiday week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Prescott.

Professor J. D. Whitman, Jr., of Tallahassee, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beale, Tommy and Jamie, of Mobile, spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Jim Whitman.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip McKinnon, of Crestview, Fla., were guests of Mrs. Jack Prescott and family Sunday.

Miss Yvonne Bryan, of Brewton, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kendrick and daughters,

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Prescott and Mr. Jess Blocker last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leo Roberts, of Marietta, Georgia, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Roberts, of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Marler, of Opp, and Mrs. Toy Dyess.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glen Prescott and daughter, of Pensacola, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bowdoin, during the holidays.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jimmy Bowdoin and daughters, of Bristol, Virginia, are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bowdoin, this week.

Mrs. Wayland Young has returned from Asheville, North Carolina, where she visited in the home of her son, Mr. Frank Young.

Miss Melissa Folsom, of Cullman, was a guest of the Cullman family, of Mrs. T. D. Kendrick, last Thursday and Friday.

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HOW THEY FLY...

Six New Years — count them! Six sets of good resolutions — remember them! And now another year coming up . . . all too quickly . . . how they seem to rush by!

As always, the beginning of another year is a good time to consider how much happier and better life is when God is in it. And just as important is the resolution to share this knowledge with others.

True, any Sunday can be a new beginning. But strengthened by past experience, make this year a truly memorable one. Start taking your family to church regularly. Claim your birthright of peace and forgiveness in sincere worship.

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The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For the sake of his community and nation. (3) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

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THE ELBA TIGGER MARCHING BAND, under the direction of Band Director J. A. Summers, appeared at the annual Blue Grey classic Christmas Band Played On.

Miss Anelia Sasser Entertains John Coffee Chapter DAR

Mrs. Fox Brunson, Mrs. A. C. Brunson, Mrs. J. M. Grimes were hostesses for the John Coffee Chapter, DAR Meeting on Wednesday, December 22, at the Elba Country Club.

A spirit of yuletide cheer greeted the members and guests of the organization as they entered the party room of the Club house.

The meeting began with the reading of the ritual by Mrs. H. E. Lane, of Enterprise. Mrs. W. C. Braswell gave the President General's Message.

The National Defense Talk was given by Miss Elnora Farris. During the business session, Mrs. Lane gave the highlights of vital communications from state officials. She expressed appreciation for those officials and teachers co-operating in the historical essay contest sponsored by the DAR at this time.

Mrs. Billy Murdock was received as a new member. Mrs. Price Ringo, Mrs. Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Stevens and Miss Kay Stearns were visiting in Miami this weekend and will attend the Orange Bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. S. Crocker will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, January 2nd, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. B. J. Williams, from 2 until 5 in the afternoon.

No written invitations are being sent but friends and relatives are invited.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Clark during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry House, of Dadeville, and Jerry House, Jr., of Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark and Jimmy, Jeff, Johnny, Joanna and Jan, of Selma; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Chuck and Jill, of Birmingham; Mrs. A. J. Guant, Mrs. Sara Crew and Patti Lee, of Montgomery; and Jeff Carnley, of Greenville.

Mrs. A. H. Raines, of Huntsville and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ellis, of Opp.

Doctor and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf, Jr., Warren and Valerie, of Birmingham, spent Christmas with their parents, Doctor and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Carpenter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Folsom spent Christmas in Columbus, Georgia, with their son and his family.

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Junior College to begin winter quarter January 5

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Miss Anelia Sasser Entertains John Coffee Chapter DAR

Mrs. Fox Brunson, Mrs. A. C. Brunson, Mrs. J. M. Grimes were hostesses for the John Coffee Chapter, DAR Meeting on Wednesday, December 22, at the Elba Country Club.

A spirit of yuletide cheer greeted the members and guests of the organization as they entered the party room of the Club house.

The meeting began with the reading of the ritual by Mrs. H. E. Lane, of Enterprise. Mrs. W. C. Braswell gave the President General's Message.

The National Defense Talk was given by Miss Elnora Farris. During the business session, Mrs. Lane gave the highlights of vital communications from state officials. She expressed appreciation for those officials and teachers co-operating in the historical essay contest sponsored by the DAR at this time.

Mrs. Billy Murdock was received as a new member. Mrs. Price Ringo, Mrs. Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Stevens and Miss Kay Stearns were visiting in Miami this weekend and will attend the Orange Bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. S. Crocker will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, January 2nd, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. B. J. Williams, from 2 until 5 in the afternoon.

No written invitations are being sent but friends and relatives are invited.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Clark during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry House, of Dadeville, and Jerry House, Jr., of Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark and Jimmy, Jeff, Johnny, Joanna and Jan, of Selma; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Chuck and Jill, of Birmingham; Mrs. A. J. Guant, Mrs. Sara Crew and Patti Lee, of Montgomery; and Jeff Carnley, of Greenville.

Mrs. A. H. Raines, of Huntsville and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ellis, of Opp.

Doctor and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf, Jr., Warren and Valerie, of Birmingham, spent Christmas with their parents, Doctor and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Carpenter.

Lt. Ben Ringsdorf, of MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Doctor and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf.

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Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Gallimore and presented to the receiving line, composed of the honoree, Mrs. John W. Ennis, mother of the bride-elect; Mrs. C. M. Meacham, grandmother of the groom-elect.

Burgundy and pink colors were used in decorating throughout the house. The honoree's table was covered with a white net over pink satin. Burgundy bows centered with pink mums were hanging from each corner of the table. Table appointments included a punch bowl nestled in fern and pink mums and a silver candelabra holding pink tapers.

Serving the party dainties and punch were Mrs. Marvin McIlwain and Mrs. James Blair.

Miss Linda Cannon displayed the guests. Those presiding over the gift display were Miss Sue Akridge and Mrs. Frank Donaldson.

The size and location of your dining area should be determined by the number of persons you wish to serve, the type and amount of entertaining done and your preferences for style of service and furniture.

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